

specifying the key intermediate steps from the time of docketing until the completion of its review.

(b) The Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, will refer the docketed application to the ACRS as required by law and in such additional cases as he or the Commission may determine to be appropriate. The ACRS will render to the Commission one or more reports as required by law or as requested by the Commission.

(c) The Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, will make each report of the ACRS a part of the record of the docketed application, and transmit copies to the appropriate State and local officials.

(d)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, will refer and transmit a copy of each docketed application for a construction permit or an operating license for a utilization or production facility under section 103 of the Act to the Attorney General as required by section 105c of the Act.

(2) The requirements of paragraph (d)(1) of this section do not apply to an application for an operating license for a production or utilization facility under section 103 of the Act for which the construction permit was also issued under section 103, unless the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or the Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, determines, after consultation with the Attorney General and in accordance with §2.101(e), that such review is advisable on the ground that significant changes in the licensee's activities or proposed activities have occurred subsequent to the previous review of the Attorney General and the Commission under section 105c of the Act in connection with the construction permit.

(3) The Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, will cause the Attorney General's advice received pursuant to para-

graph (d)(1) of this section to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER promptly upon receipt, and will make such advice a part of the record in any proceeding on antitrust matters conducted in accordance with subsection 105c(5) and section 189a of the Act. The Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, will also cause to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice that the Attorney General has not rendered any such advice. Any notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER pursuant to this subparagraph will also include a notice of hearing, if appropriate, or will state that any person whose interest may be affected by the proceeding may, pursuant to and in accordance with §2.714, file a petition for leave to intervene and request a hearing on the antitrust aspects of the application. The notice will state that petitions for leave to intervene and requests for hearing shall be filed within 30 days after publication of the notice.

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#### **§2.103 Action on applications for by-product, source, special nuclear material, and operator licenses.**

(a) If the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or the Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, finds that an application for a byproduct, source, special nuclear material, or operator license complies with the requirements of the Act, the Energy Reorganization Act, and this chapter, he will issue a license. If the license is for a facility, or for receipt of waste radioactive material from other persons for the purpose of commercial disposal by the waste disposal licensee, or if it is to receive and possess high-level radioactive waste at a geologic repository operations area pursuant to part 60 of this chapter, the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or the Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, will inform the State, tribal and local officials specified in §2.104(e) of the issuance of the license. For notice of issuance requirements for licenses issued pursuant

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to part 61 of this chapter, see § 2.106(d) of this part.

(b) If the Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation or Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, as appropriate, finds that an application does not comply with the requirements of the Act and this chapter he may issue a notice of proposed denial or a notice of denial of the application and inform the applicant in writing of:

(1) The nature of any deficiencies or the reason for the proposed denial or the denial, and

(2) The right of the applicant to demand a hearing within twenty (20) days from the date of the notice or such longer period as may be specified in the notice.

[28 FR 10152, Sept. 17, 1963, as amended at 47 FR 57478, Dec. 27, 1982]

### HEARING ON APPLICATION—HOW INITIATED

#### § 2.104 Notice of hearing.

(a) In the case of an application on which a hearing is required by the Act or this chapter, or in which the Commission finds that a hearing is required in the public interest, the Secretary will issue a notice of hearing to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER as required by law at least fifteen (15) days, and in the case of an application concerning a construction permit for a facility of the type described in § 50.21(b) or § 50.22 of this chapter or a testing facility, at least thirty (30) days, prior to the date set for hearing in the notice.<sup>1</sup> In addition, in the case of an application for a construction permit for a facility of the type described in § 50.22 of this chapter, or a testing facility, the notice (other than a notice pursuant to

<sup>1</sup>If the notice of hearing concerning an application for a construction permit for a facility of the type described in § 50.21(b) or § 50.22 of this chapter or a testing facility does not specify the time and place of initial hearing, a subsequent notice will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER which will provide at least thirty (30) days notice of the time and place of that hearing. After this notice is given the presiding officer may reschedule the commencement of the initial hearing for a later date or reconvene a recessed hearing without again providing thirty (30) days notice.

paragraph (d) of this section) shall be issued as soon as practicable after the application has been docketed: *Provided*, That if the Commission, pursuant to § 2.101(a)(2), decides to determine the acceptability of the application on the basis of its technical adequacy as well as completeness, the notice shall be issued as soon as practicable after the application has been tendered. The notice will state:

(1) The time, place, and nature of the hearing and/or prehearing conference, if any;

(2) The authority under which the hearing is to be held;

(3) The matters of fact and law to be considered; and

(4) The time within which answers to the notice shall be filed.

(b) In the case of an application for a construction permit for a facility on which the Act requires a hearing, the notice of hearing will, except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section and unless the Commission determines otherwise, state, in implementation of paragraph (a)(3) of this section:

(1) That, if the proceeding is a contested proceeding, the presiding officer will consider the following issues:<sup>2</sup>

(i) Whether in accordance with the provisions of § 50.35(a) of this chapter:

(a) The applicant has described the proposed design of the facility, including, but not limited to, the principal architectural and engineering criteria for the design, and has identified the major features or components incorporated therein for the protection of the health and safety of the public;

(b) Such further technical or design information as may be required to complete the safety analysis, and which can reasonably be left for later consideration will be supplied in the final safety analysis report;

(c) Safety features or components, if any, which require research and development, have been described by the applicant and the applicant has identified, and there will be conducted, a research and development program reasonably designed to resolve any safety

<sup>2</sup>Issues (i) to (iv) are the issues pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. Issue (v) is the issue pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.